for inclusion of their names in the D.A.V.P. media list. Out of these, 56 newspapers/periodicals were included in the said list. 15 newspapers/periodicals did not fulfil the criteria laid down in the Advertising Policy. The cases of remaining 36 newspapers/periodicals could not be finalised for want of complete media particulars/other relevant information from the publishers concerned. However, advertisements were issued to 387 Urdu newspapers/periodicals during 1984-85 and to 334 during 1985-86 (upto December, 1985).

Cotton production

404. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target and actual production of cotton during 1985-86; and

(b) to what extent it is comparable to the production of cotton during the years 1984-85 and 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The target fixed for production of cotton (lint) during 1985-86 was 86.0 lakh bales. Final estimates of production for 1985-86 have not been received from all the States. However, on the basis of preliminary reports received it is anticipated that the target will be achieved in full.

(b) The production of cotton (lint) during 1984-85 and 1983-84 was 84.65 lakh bales and 63.87 lakh bales respectively.

U.S. participation in edible oil projects

405. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a U.S. business delegation which recently visited India has offered U.S. particpation in India's edible oil projects;

(b) whether any specific steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A former U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy, who is a President of a Private Company namely Chales Percy and Associates Inc. of U.S.A. has made a proposal regarding the project on an oil bearing halophyte (Salt-tolerant plant) and its potential use in India through Indian Embassy in U S.A. This Project proposal was also discussed by Mr. Charles Percy with the Union Minister for Agriculture, who visited India recently.

In order to examine the proposal to explore the possibility of taking up this project under Indian conditions the Company is to provide us more details alongwith the results of the prototype projects taken up by them in Mexico and Sharjah.

Demnd for Steel

406. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated demand for steel during 1986-87;

(b) what are the targets of production of steel during 1986-87,

(c) what are the present unsold stocks of steel with the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(d) what are the reasons for gap in demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Joint Plant Committee of